

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2122

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve provisions relating to initial teaching experiences and alternative routes to certification.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAPO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STATE ACTIVITIES.**

4 Section 2207 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
5 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6647) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (12), by striking “; and” and
7 inserting a semicolon;

8 (2) in paragraph (13), by striking the period
9 and inserting a semicolon; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(14) carrying out programs that include sup-
3 port during the initial teaching experience, such as
4 mentoring programs that—

5 “(A) provide mentoring to beginning teach-
6 ers from veteran teachers with expertise in the
7 subject matter that the beginning teachers will
8 be teaching;

9 “(B) provide mentors time for activities
10 such as coaching, observing, and assisting the
11 teachers who are mentored; and

12 “(C) use standards or assessments for
13 guiding beginning teachers that are consistent
14 with the State’s student performance standards
15 and with the requirements for professional de-
16 velopment activities described in section
17 2210(b)(2); and

18 “(15) carrying out programs that establish, ex-
19 pand, or improve alternative routes to State certifi-
20 cation of teachers for highly qualified individuals
21 with a baccalaureate degree, including mid-career
22 professionals from other occupations, paraprofes-
23 sionals, former military personnel, and recent college
24 or university graduates with records of academic dis-

1 tinction, who demonstrate the potential to become
 2 highly effective teachers.”.

3 **SEC. 2. ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.**

4 Section 2207 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
 5 cation Act of 1965 is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(a) ACTIVITIES.—” before
 7 “Each State”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(b) COMPONENTS OF ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO
 10 STATE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS.—To the extent appro-
 11 priate, programs carried out under subsection (a)(15)
 12 shall—

13 “(1) include strong academic and teaching-re-
 14 lated course work that provides teachers with the
 15 academic subject knowledge and teaching knowledge
 16 needed to help students meet State content stand-
 17 ards;

18 “(2) provide intensive field experience in the
 19 form of an internship, or student teaching, under
 20 the direct daily supervision of an expert, veteran
 21 teacher; and

22 “(3) provide that, before entry into teaching,
 23 candidates shall be fully qualified.”.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 2402 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
3 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6702) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
5 (4) as paragraphs (2), (5), (6), and (3) respectively;

6 (2) by inserting paragraph (3) (as so redesign-
7 nated) after paragraph (2);

8 (3) by inserting before paragraph (2) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(1) the term ‘beginning teacher’ means an ed-
11 ucator in a public school who has not yet been teach-
12 ing 3 full school years;”;

13 (4) by inserting after paragraph (3) (as so re-
14 designated) the following:

15 “(4) the term ‘mentoring program’ means a
16 program to provide professional support and devel-
17 opment, instruction, and guidance to beginning
18 teachers, not including a teacher or individual who
19 begins to work in a supervisory position;”;

20 (5) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by
21 striking the period and inserting a semicolon;

22 (6) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by
23 striking the semicolon at the end and inserting “;
24 and”; and

- 1 (7) in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (6) (as
- 2 so redesignated), by striking “; and” and inserting
- 3 a period.

